REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE

Appointed to enquire into the STATE and MANAGEMENT of the FOUNDLING HOSPITAL.

Reported by the Right Hon. Sir JOHN BLAQUIERE, K. B.

Wednesday, April 18, 1792.

Mr. SPEAKER,

The Committee appointed to enquire into the ſtate and management of the Foundling Hoſpital having met, according to order, and examined ſeveral witneſſes in the moſt ſolemn manner, touching the ſubject matter of the ſaid enquiry, have directed me to report as follows:

YOUR Committee having determined that their enquiry ſhould be confined in the firſt inſtance to the pariſh of Dunlavin, called upon Mr. Solomon Delane,

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the officer belonging to the Hoſpital who laſt ſummer was ſent to make the inſpection.

Mr. Solomon Delane being ſworn and examined, ſaid, he made the inſpection of the pariſh of Dunlavin; that he in general inſpected from houſe to houſe; that the return he made was to the beſt of his knowledge a juſt and true return, and that by the return it appears that of four hundred and ſixty-nine children, of whom witneſs had a liſt as being at nurſe in the ſaid pariſh, witneſs found ſixty-five children only, of whom only fifty-four were healthy; that witneſs alſo found in the ſaid pariſh eighteen children not in witneſs's liſt, which witneſs ſuppoſed to have been removed from other pariſhes; and of the four hundred and four children in witneſs's liſt whom he could not find, one hundred and thirty-three were ſaid to be dead, ſeventy-three whoſe nurſes were ſaid to have removed, one hundred and twenty-eight whoſe nurſes were not found, one was ſaid to have been drafted ſubſequent to the making out of witneſs's liſt, four were found in town-lands not in the pariſh, thirty-five were denied by the nurſes to have been taken by them, ſeven were ſaid to be with ſtrolling beggars, nine were not accounted for and their nurſes were ſaid to be dead, and the remaining fourteen their nurſes were not at home.

Your Committee then aſked Mr. Delane ſeveral queſtions, which, and his anſwers to them reſpectively, are as follow:

Queſtion. Do you think there could have been any Foundling children in the pariſh of Dunlavin beſides thoſe you found there?

Anſwer.

Anſwer. I have not any reaſon to believe that there were.

Queſtion. What account did you receive of Chriſtopher Hoey, a child ſent out in the year 1778?

Anſwer. I was informed that he was dead.

Queſtion. How many children are given to the ſame nurſe?

Anſwer. Sometimes three, four, five or ſix children have been given to the ſame nurſe, and I have known one nurſe to have had ſeven children from the Hoſpital at one time.

Queſtion. Did you take an account of the times of the deaths of thoſe children that were returned to you as dead?

Anſwer. I did not. They died ſo ſoon after their being taken from the Hoſpital that it was not worth their nurſes while to apply for payment.

Mr. John Baillie, regiſter to the Hoſpital, being called on by your Committee, he was ſworn and examined with reſpect to the name of Michael Franks, who appears on the books ſince the year 1781; he ſaid that he was paid for in the years 1783, 1784, 1785 and 1786, and was not paid for in the years 1787, 1788, 1789, 1790 and 1791; that his name has remained on the books ever ſince, although there has not been any demand made for his nurſing; and with reſpect to the name of Chriſtopher Hoey, ſent out in the year 1778, he ſaid that the child was paid for only to the year 1780; that there has not been any money demanded

demanded for him ſince that year, and that his name has not been ſtruck off the books.

Mrs. Hunt, being ſworn and examined, ſaid that ſhe is matron to the hoſpital; that ſhe has been in that employment ſince May 1790. That young children when brought into the Hoſpital are put into her care. That the children brought from the country are the moſt unhealthy; that ſhe attributes their being ſo to the bad uſage they receive on the road; that the children brought from the country are frequently doſed with ſpirits; that they are ſometimes brought in convulſions; that ſhe imagines this may proceed from the great quantities of ſpirits given them on the road. That children brought from the country frequently die almoſt as ſoon as brought into the houſe; that ſometimes three are brought in the ſkirt of one woman's gown, living and dead together; that at other times ſeven or eight are brought together on a car, ſome of them dead, and ſo bruiſed and flattened that is imagined the perſon who has been entruſted with them has ſat on them. That the head nurſe takes the children to the nurſery, and dreſſes them immediately in linen and flannel; that they are then fed with the allowance of food, but witneſs does not think it ſufficient for many of them. That they are kept in the nurſery till the ſurgeon or phyſician examines them, except in caſes of particular diſtreſs, and then the apothecary attends them and removes them to the infant infirmary. That the phyſician and ſurgeon attend the Hoſpital twice a week. That the children remain in the nurſery until diſpoſed of to nurſes who come recommended by gentlemen from the country; and that ſhe thinks the weakly children require more nouriſhing food than is allowed by the inſtitution. That the porter receives the children on their being brought to the Hoſpital, and he brings

brings them to the head nurſe. That the children brought this year from the country were in general in a very bad ſtate of health, and rather worſe than in the laſt year. That of fifteen children brought into the Hoſpital on the 5th of March inſtant there are only two in ſufficient health to be delivered out to nurſes, and ſhe believes that moſt of the others have died. That when children are brought to the Hoſpital dead they are entered on the books. That the porter gives a certificate for a dead child as well as for a living one. That witneſs frequently receives certificates from church-wardens and others from the places from whence children are brought. That it frequently happens that the certificate mentions a male child and that the child brought is a female, and that a certificate brought with a child received into the Hoſpital the day of her examination is dated the beginning of laſt February. That witneſs has a great deal of difficulty in obtaining wet nurſes for the children. That ſhe thinks children might ſometimes be ſaved if they had wet nurſes. That ſhe thinks the wages allowed by the Hoſpital is too ſmall. That ſhe believes one great cauſe of the difficulty in procuring wet nurſes is the fear they have of catching the venereal diſeaſe from the children; and that there were on the day of her examination in the infirmary thirteen infants and in the Hoſpital forty-eight, not more than eight of whom were fit to be ſent to nurſe.

YOUR Committee having called upon Mr. Philip Woodroffe, ſurgeon, attending the Hoſpital, he was examined and ſaid, that between the 24th day of June 1790 and the 24th day of June 1791, there were admitted into the infirmary ſeven hundred and eighty-eight children infected with the venereal diſeaſe, of which only one recovered; that they died within one

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month from the time of their admiſſion, and that this diſeaſe has very much encreaſed within theſe laſt five years.

The queſtions then aſked Mr. Woodroffe by your Committee, and his anſwers to them, are as follow:

Queſtion. Do you think there can be any mode deviſed to prevent the fatal conſequences attending thoſe Children when received into the Hoſpital?

Anſwer. I believe not, except by a mode very expenſive and precarious.

Queſtion. How can it by any means be prevented?

Anſwer. By curing the parents.

Queſtion. Do you think the eſtabliſhing a great Lock Hoſpital in the city of Dublin would prevent this diſeaſe from ſpreading?

Anſwer. It certainly would in the city of Dublin.

Queſtion. Would it not, in order to prevent the ſpreading the contagion, be equally neceſſary to have different Lock Hoſpitals or places in different parts of the kingdom for the cure of this diſorder?

Anſwer. I think ſuch an eſtabliſhment would very much aſſiſt the putting a ſtop to the ravages of this diſorder.

Queſtion. Do you recollect that the Governors were about three years ago very anxious to take ſteps to prevent the ravages of this diſorder?

Anſwer. The Governors did examine into the buſineſs, and take the beſt ſteps for the purpoſe that were in their power.

Mr. James Shaughneſſy being then called on by your Committee, he was ſworn and examined, and ſaid that he has been apothecary to the Hoſpital ſince Chriſtmas 1788. That the children in the Hoſpital are in general in the ſame ſtate of health as formerly. That ſeven hundred and eighty-eight children were ſent to the infirmary between June 1790 and June 1791, returned by the ſurgeon as infected with the venereal diſeaſe, and witneſs believes ſeven hundred and eighty-ſeven of them died, and that the ſurviving one was ſent out cured. Witneſs reſides in the Hoſpital, and ſaid he does not know whether a ſufficient number of proper nurſes is to be had.

Mr. Eugene Sweeny was then called upon by your Committee, ſworn and examined; and he ſaid that he is treaſurer to the Hoſpital; that he was elected to that office the 31ſt of March 1791; that the annual total expenſe of the eſtabliſhment is nearly 14,000l.; that he has averaged it for the laſt ten years.

Your Committee directed an account of the expenſe for five years, ending the 24th of June laſt, to be laid before them, which has been accordingly done, and is annexed to this report.

The following queſtions were alſo aſked Mr. Sweeny, to which he gave the anſwers following:

Queſtion. A number of children appear on the books, whom it is aſſerted have not received payment, ſome ſince the year 1787; why were they continued on the books?

Anſwer.

Anſwer. The regiſter muſt anſwer that queſtion; it is his department.

Queſtion. There are a great number in the returns who it appears have been dead for a number of years paſt; why were they continued on the books?

Anſwer. I cannot ſay; it muſt have been through overſight in the regiſter in not ſtriking them off, as I believe that no payment was ever made for them.

Queſtion. Do you not apprehend that leaving thoſe names on the books left an open for defrauding the charity to a very great amount?

Anſwer. A fraud certainly could not be committed by the regiſter. I know the conſtitution of the Houſe ſo well that the regiſter could not commit a fraud; the officers are ſo connected with each other in the payments that all muſt concur in the fraud if any were attempted.

The laſt queſtion was then repeated by the Committee to Mr. Sweeny, to which he gave the following anſwer:

I think it did not.

Your Committee called again on Mr. John Baillie, who being further examined, ſaid that his father was the perſon elected to the office of regiſter; that witneſs has been appointed by the Board his aſſiſtant; that witneſs's father is prevented by illneſs from attending the Committee; that he is confined to his bed.

Your Committee proceeded to aſk Mr. Baillie ſeveral queſtions, which, and his anſwers to them reſpectively, are as follow:

Queſtion.

Queſtion. Why are there ſo many hundred children on the books who have been dead or not heard of for ſo many years?

Anſwer. I do not know the reaſon why they do not appear on the books as ſtruck off.

Queſtion. It appears that for a ſeries of years paſt about ſix hundred children have been ſtruck off annually, what is meant by ſtruck off?

Anſwer. In the general account of the hoſpital, ſo long as I have been concerned, I have deducted that number from the number ſuppoſed to be at nurſe.

Queſtion. Upon what ground did you ſo?

Anſwer. From their never having appeared for payment.

Queſtion. How long muſt they forbear demanding payment before they are ſtruck off?

Anſwer. I don't know the exact time.

Queſtion. Why not ſtrike off thoſe who have been dead or not heard off for ſo many years?

Anſwer. I never went farther back than the time I have been concerned.

Queſtion. How long have you acted for your father?

Anſwer. I believe nearly two years.

Queſtion. How many governors make a general board?

Anſwer. Eleven; but to alter any of the by-laws twenty-one are requiſite.

Queſtion. From what materials did you compoſe the return preſented to the Houſe of Commons in April 1791?

Anſwer. From the regiſter's books.

Queſtion. Who keeps the books, and how are they made up?

Anſwer. I have kept them of late; they are made up from the matron's books.

Queſtion. What is the mode in which demands by nurſes for payment are anſwered?

Anſwer. Every child that comes for payment is examined at the matron's, a voucher is there made up that it agrees with her book; this voucher is ſent to the regiſter, he compares it with his book, fills up the wages, and ſends it to the treaſurer to be paid, who pays the money in the preſence of his clerk.

Queſtion. Is the child produced to any perſon beſides the matron?

Anſwer. The child is not produced officially to any other perſon, and all the other officers attend to the matron's certificate only.

Queſtion. Have you known of frauds having been committed by the production of improper certificates?

Anſwer. I have not.

Queſtion. How can you account for the amazing difference between the numbers in the return preſented to the Houſe of Commons laſt year and that returned to this committee?

Anſwer.

Anſwer. I made up both returns. I was not at firſt well acquainted with the buſineſs, and made the firſt return of the names and numbers as I found them on the regiſter's book. The reaſon why ſo many more are in that return than there really were, was that the names were on the books and not taken off; and the return to the committee was only of the children actually paid for.

Queſtion. Would not the number paid for and the number in the Houſe aſcertain the number on the eſtabliſhment?

Anſwer. I don't think it would.

Queſtion. What is the expenſe of a child at nurſe?

Anſwer. For the firſt year 3l. and for every other year 'till the child is eight years old 2l.

Queſtion. On the 3d of April laſt you returned to Parliament a liſt of the number and names of the children ſuppoſed to be at nurſe on the eſtabliſhment of the Foundling-hoſpital the 25th of March preceding, which amounted to five thouſand one hundred and eighty-four, and on the 26th of March inſtant you returned to this Committee the number of children that were ſuppoſed to be at nurſe the 17th of March 1792 amounting to three thouſand nine hundred and twenty-five, how can you account for this vaſt difference?

Anſwer. I did not underſtand the firſt order as I ſuppoſe it was intended. I made the return from the books to the beſt of my judgment, and had no intention whatever of deceiving the Houſe of Commons. I was then but lately in office, and took the advice of a gentleman whoſe opinion I generally followed.

Queſtion.

Queſtion. In the pariſh of Dunlavin, in the account now returned to the Committee by Mr. Delane (the officer of the Hoſpital who made the inſpection) a liſt of four hundred and ſixty-nine children were given to him as being at nurſe in that pariſh, and it appears by Delane's return that eighty-three only were found there, and by your return of the 30th inſtant there appears to be one hundred and ſeventy-four, how can you account for thoſe differences?

Anſwer. I cannot account for them on oath. I believe the liſt given to Delane was taken from the matron's books, wherein the children were included that had not appeared ſince ſent to nurſe, and in my return I only took out thoſe that I really believed to have been at nurſe on the 29th of September 1791.

Queſtion. By Mr. Bradiſhe's evidence laſt year he ſtated the annual expenſe from the year 1786 to have averaged at 16,695l. 9s. 8d. and by Mr. Sweeny's return to this Committee of the expenſe from the ſaid year, the yearly average appears to be only 12,770l. 15s. 1d.; can you account for the difference?

Anſwer. I cannot take upon myſelf to account for it.

Queſtion. Do you apprehend that leaving ſo many hundred children on the books who have been dead or not heard of for ſo many years does or does not leave an open for defrauding the public or the charity?

Anſwer. I do not think it leaves an open for fraud, more than if they were ſtruck off.

Queſtion. Give a reaſon why the children are not ſtruck

ſtruck off that have been dead for ten or twelve years, or who have not appeared for that time?

Anſwer. I do not know any reaſon.

Queſtion. What ſeaſon of the year do you ſtrike off the children, as you call it?

Anſwer. I generally ſtrike them off about March quarter.

Mr. Baillie alſo ſaid, that when a child dies the exact time of its death is entered. That perſons who bring notes with children get certificates as well for dead as living children. That he don't think children are often brought dead. That if a child dies the nurſe is only paid to the time of producing it, and is not paid if the child is not produced, unleſs in particular caſes, upon certificates and affidavits.

Mr. Delane being again called on by your Committee and examined, ſaid that the Governors of the Foundling Hoſpital ſent him out to inſpect; that the matron gave him the liſts of the children he was to ſearch for. That Thomas Ward, then deputy matron, was diſmiſſed for not making out the liſts, and that his buſineſs was to aſſiſt in marking and giving out the children.

That in the five pariſhes witneſs viſited he had a liſt of two thouſand and forty-four, and found only ſix hundred and twenty-nine. That he examined with a great deal of accuracy and attention, and that all children belonging to other pariſhes, whom witneſs met in thoſe five, are included in the ſix hundred and twenty-nine.

That witneſs, on his return, laid his report before a general Board; that ſome obſervations were made on the great deficiency, but he does not recollect any particular obſervations that was made on it, and that witneſs was ſent to find out particularly why ſuch a number of children were miſſing.

That witneſs does not know any reaſon why children who have been dead and not heard of for ſo many years were not ſtruck off the books, nor cannot ſay whether their not being ſtruck off leaves an open for fraud, as he does not underſtand the nature of the books.

That witneſs viſited ſix pariſhes more than thoſe mentioned in the return preſented to the Houſe of Commons; that the reaſon why they were not included in that return was, that the order was to lay before the Houſe the return of the ſummer inſpection, and that of the ſix pariſhes began in December 1789.

Your Committee then aſked Mr. Delane the following

Queſtion. It has been alleged that a great number of thoſe unaccounted-for children are kept by their nurſes or parents through affection, how many of this deſcription did you find amongſt the two thouſand and forty-four ſtated to have been in the five pariſhes? to which he made

Anſwer. Only two.

And being further examined, he ſaid that three thouſand three hundred and ſixty-four children were given him in charge in the eleven pariſhes he inſpected; that he found ſeven hundred and four of them healthy

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and one hundred and twenty-three unhealthy; that he alſo found three hundred and fifty healthy and forty-three unhealthy children who were not in witneſs's liſt, and whom he ſuppoſed belonged to other pariſhes; that the whole number of children whom witneſs found was one thouſand two hundred and twenty, conſequently the deficiency out of three thouſand three hundred and ſixty-four is two thouſand one hundred and forty-four.

Mr. Baillie being again called upon by your Committee, the queſtions propoſed to him and his anſwers are as follow:

Queſtion. In your former examination you ſaid that no children are paid for or charged that are dead or miſſing; by the return of the expenſe of the Hoſpital for the five years ending the 25th of June 1791, preſented to this Committee by the treaſurer, it appears that all the children on the liſt are charged to be paid in every year, and at the foot of the account there is one lumping deduction made of 16,393l. 10s. for children that did not appear; can you account for this?

Anſwer. As I am not acquainted with the nature of the treaſurer's books I cannot take upon me to account for it.

Queſtion. How many children were received into the Hoſpital in the laſt year?

Anſwer. In the year ending the 24th of June laſt there appear to have been two thouſand one hundred and ninety-two received.

Queſtion. How many died during that period?

Anſwer. In the nurſery and the country one thouſand ſix hundred and nine.

Queſtion.

Queſtion. How many were ſtruck off during that period?

Anſwer. Six hundred and ſeventy-ſix.

Queſtion. It appears that no more than two thouſand one hundred and ninety-two children were received in the laſt year, and that the number of deaths and thoſe ſtruck off in the ſame period amount to two thouſand two hundred and eighty-five; how comes it that ſo many appear on the books when the number decreaſed exceeds the number admitted?

Anſwer. To anſwer the queſtion I muſt take the whole number on the eſtabliſhment.

Queſtion. How many children have been apprenticed annually upon an average of the laſt five years?

Anſwer. About eighty-nine.

Mr. Shaughneſſey being called upon by your Committee, was aſked the following

Queſtion. The Committee is ſatisfied that the children received into the Hoſpital are in general as well taken care of as the nature of the eſtabliſhment will admit of, can you account why ſo many die?

Anſwer. I cannot on oath account for it.

Mr. Sweeny being again called on by your Committee, was examined, and ſaid that the produce of the houſe-tax received for the year ending the 24th of June 1791 was 6174l. 9s. 10½d. that the parliamentary grant to the charity in the laſt ſeſſion was 11,500l. out of which pells and poundage were deducted, the receipt of the tax and grant making together about 17,330l.

17,330l. That witneſs eſtimates the tax of this year at about the ſame ſum as the laſt; that the parliamentary grant of this ſeſſion was 10,000l. making with the tax about 15,840l. That the inſolvencies in the houſe-tax are about 500l. annually, partly ariſing by houſes not being inhabited, and houſes having fallen down.

Mr. Sweeny was then aſked by your Committee ſeveral queſtions, which and his anſwers to them are as follow:

Queſtion. How many years does the deduction of 16,393l. 10s. returned by you as a deduction for three thouſand and nineteen children who did not appear for payment refer to?

Anſwer. Five.

Queſtion. Is there a particular account kept of each year's deficiency?

Anſwer. In the accounts of the Hoſpital there is a particular account for each year; the groſs deduction is made up from the yearly accounts in my predeceſſor's books, and for the laſt year from my own books.

Queſtion. In the account returned by you to the Committee of the expenſe of the Hoſpital for five years from the 24th of June 1786 to the 24th of June 1791, marked No. III. the whole charge of the Hoſpital is ſtated; and in the account of the funds for the ſaid period, marked No. VII. notice is taken of only four parliamentary grants; as annual grants have been made to the Hoſpital, why is the fifth grant not accounted for?

Anſwer. The grant of the year 1786 was paid before the 24th day of June 1786, and the grant of laſt

year of 11,500l. was paid ſubſequent to the 24th of June 1791.

Queſtion. When was the firſt payment of the grant of 1791 made?

Anſwer. 6000l. of it was received from the treaſury the 28th of June 1791; 2670l. the 11th of Auguſt; and 2485l. being the net reſidue, the 28th of Auguſt 1791.

THE Right Honourable Sir John Blaquiere, the chairman, having informed the Committee that Sir Henry Hartſtonge, Bart. had handed to him a return of the number of children ſent from the city of Limerick to the Hoſpital ſince the 8th of April laſt, by which it appears that of nineteen ſent ſixteen died, the Committee have thought it proper to annex it to their report.

YOUR Committee having taken into their conſideration the evidence given before them, together with the ſeveral accounts and returns adduced by the different officers of the Hoſpital, and finding them to differ in many material inſtances from each other, and from the accounts and returns appearing on the Journals of the laſt ſeſſion of Parliament, think it not in their power to make any concluſive report thereupon.

AND therefore ſubmit the whole of the ſaid evidence, returns and accounts to the conſideration of the Houſe.

Papers

Papers annexed to this Report.

No. I. The ſtate of the Foundling-hoſpital for five years ending the 24th of June 1791.

No. II. An account of the number of children that appear to be at nurſe on the 17th of March 1792.

No. III. A view of the expenſe of the Foundling-hoſpital and Work-houſe from the 24th of June 1786 to the 24th of June 1791.

No. IV. An account of the number of children that appear to have been at nurſe the 29th of September 1791.

No. V. An account of the number of children that appear to have been at nurſe in the pariſh of Dunlavin the 29th of September 1791.

No. VI. A report of the foundling inſpection, ſummer 1791, returned to the Houſe of Commons by the proper officer the 25th of February 1792.

No. VII. A view of the fund of the Foundling-hoſpital and Work-houſe from the 24th of June 1786 to the 24th of June 1791.

No. VIII. A report of the pariſhes not returned to Parliament as found on the inſpection.

No. IX. A view of the accounts of the Foundling-hoſpital from the 24th of June 1791 to the 25th of March 1792.

No. X. An account of children ſent from the city of Limerick to the Foundling-hoſpital from the 8th of April 1791 to the 29th of March 1792.

No. 1.

The State of the Foundling Hospital for five Years ending 24th June 1791.

	1787.	1788.	1789.	1790.	1791.
Admitted - -	2051	2144	2134	2187	2192
Returned from nurse -	27	61	58	47	41
Number in Nursery -	21	16	45	26	35
	2099	2221	2237	2260	2268
In the Country -	4203	4449	4672	4737	4576
Sent to nurse - -	1654	1467	1259	1251	989
	5857	5916	5931	5988	5565
In the House - -	394	304	456	457	493
Returned to ditto -	10	39	20	25	27
Drafted - -	21	300	90	237	76
	425	643	566	719	596

	1787.	1788.	1789.	1790.	1791.
FOUNDLING ACCOUNT.					
Died in Nursery - -	409	677	925	945	1205
Sent to nurse - -	1654	1467	1259	1251	989
Given to Parents -	20	32	27	29	41
In the Nursery - -	16	45	26	35	33
	2099	2221	2237	2260	2268
COUNTRY ACCOUNT.					
Struck off - -	719	314	646	664	676
Died in the Country -	641	569	400	465	404
Returned from do. -	48	361	148	283	118
Suppose to remain in do. -	4449	4672	4737	4576	4367
	5857	5916	5931	5988	5565
FAMILY ACCOUNT.					
Sent for Health - -	13	33	19	46	44
Died in the Hospital -	26	62	12	37	13
Apprenticed - -	74	75	71	124	100
Eloped - - -	5	15	3	15	20
Given to Parents - -	2	2	2	1	—
On large Allowance -	1	—	1	2	7
Returned to Masters -	—	—	1	1	1
In the Hospital - -	304	456	457	493	411
	425	643	566	719	596

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No. II.

Number of Children that appear to be now at nurſe.

Children paid for from 4th July 1791 to 17th March 1792 - - - -	2025
Sent to nurſe from 25th March 1790 to 17th March 1791, and whoſe nurſes were not entitled to wages at the laſt pay - -	1370
Sent to nurſe from 9th November 1789 to 25th March 1790, whoſe wages did not amount to 20s. - - - -	312
Sent to nurſe from 25th June 1788 to 9th November 1789, whoſe wages amounted to more than 20s. - - - -	780
	4487
Of the above number there are to be ſtruck off thoſe that did not appear ſince ſent to nurſe - - - - -	562
Appear to be at nurſe 17th March 1792 -	3925

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No. III.

A View of the Expenſe of the Foundling Hoſpital and Work-houſe from the 24th of June 1786 to the 24th of June 1791.

	Proviſions.			House Expenſes.			Clothing.			Salaries and Wages.			Repairs.			Manufactures.			Nurſery Garden.			Nurſing Children.			Gratuities.			Intereſt on Loan.			Total.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
From 24th June 1786 to 24th June 1787, for - -	2008	1	4½	1549	8	—	589	11	2½	1009	13	—	206	18	11½	266	5	9½	66	3	4	9157	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14853	1	8
From 24th June 1787 to 24th June 1788, for - -	2529	11	—½	875	4	2½	869	18	5½	1077	14	5	258	18	5½	290	2	6	65	11	9	9352	10	—	160	—	—	43	16	2	15523	7	—
From 24th June 1788 to 24th June 1789, for - -	2591	17	5½	748	6	—	777	12	11½	1145	10	2½	140	15	5	278	7	5½	98	16	7½	9406	—	—	—	—	—	61	3	10	15243	4	5½
From 24th June 1789 to 24th June 1790, for - -	3082	12	2½	795	1	9½	870	2	6½	1162	14	7½	137	7	1½	334	11	10½	64	12	—	11684	7	6½	151	7	6	6	2	2	18288	19	4½
From 24th June 1790 to 24th June 1791, for - -	2736	11	10	770	6	—	793	12	1	1137	17	4½	228	2	10	290	18	8	57	7	7½	10979	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16993	15	11
	12948	13	11¼	4737	15	—	3900	17	3	5533	9	7½	972	2	9½	1460	6	3½	347	11	4	50579	2	6½	311	7	6	111	2	2	80902	8	4½
Deduct for ſtoppage of wages	—	—		—	—		—	—		40	5	1½																				
Deduct for manufactures ſold -	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		163	4	1														
Deduct ſales of nurſery garden - - - - -	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		451	3	9½											
Deduct for three thouſand and nineteen children that did not appear for payment, and Over-charges for nurſing in December Quarter 1788 of 270l. - - - - -	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		16393	10	—	—	—		—	—		17048	13	—
	12948	13	11¼	4737	15	—	3900	17	3	5493	4	6	972	2	9½	1297	2	2¼				34185	12	6¼	311	7	6	111	2	2	63853	15	4¼
Average - - -	2589	14	9½	947	11	—	780	3	5⅗	1098	12	10⅘	194	8	6⅖	259	8	5½				6837	2	6	62	5	6	22	4	5⅕	12770	15	1

Eugene Sweeny, Treaſurer.

No. IV.

Number of Children that appear to have been at nurſe the 29th of September 1791.

Children that appeared at the Hoſpital ſince ſent to nurſe - - - -	2040
Sent to nurſe from the 25th of March 1790 to the 29th of September 1791, whoſe nurſes were not entitled to wages at the laſt pay -	1210
Sent to nurſe before the 25th of March 1790, but for whom there was not a year's wages due laſt pay - - - -	508
Appear to have been at nurſe the 29th of September 1791 - -	3758

N. B. The children to be ſtruck off this year are not included in the above number.

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No. V.

Number of Children that appear to have been at nurſe in the Pariſh of Dunlavin the 29th of September 1791.

Children that appeared ſince ſent to nurſe -	84
Sent to nurſe from the 25th of March 1790 to the 29th of September 1791, whoſe nurſes were not entitled to wages at the laſt pay -	43
Sent to nurſe before the 25th of March 1790, but for whom a year's wages was not due -	47
Appear to have been at nurſe in Dunlavin the 29th September 1791 -	174

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No. VI.

Foundling Inspection, Summer 1791.

		Healthy.	Unhealthy.	Said to be dead.	Whose Nurses were said to be removed.	Whose Nurses were not found.	Said to be drafted since this Lift was made out.	In Townlands not in the Parish.	Denied to be taken out by the Nurses.	Said to be with ſtrolling Beggars.	Nurſes ſaid to be dead, and Children not accounted for.	Taken from its Nurſe by its Parents.	Nurſe not at home.	Total.	Children not in the Liſt, and ſuppoſed to be removed from other Pariſhes. Healthy.	Unhealthy.
1. Hacketſtown	565	95	19	207	73	139	6	7	13	2	—	—	4	565	68	14
2. Dunlavin	469	54	11	133	73	128	1	4	35	7	9	1	14	469	17	1
3. Bleſſington	445	45	10	168	58	98	10	7	26	—	20	1	2	445	23	6
4. Arklow	462	136	14	161	51	71	1	17	8	—	2	1	—	462	18	4
5. Donaghmore	103	24	7	44	10	17	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	103	23	—
	2044	254	61	713	265	453	18	36	82	9	31	2	20	2044	149	25

Solomon Delane.

No. VII.

A View of the Fund of the Foundling Hospital and Work-house from the 24th of June 1786 to the 24th of June 1791.

	Carriage Tax.	Licenses.	Penalties.	House Tax.	Rents of the Estate.	Parents on obtaining their Children.	Benefactions.	Bounty of Parliament.	Total.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Cash received from 24th June 1786 to 24th June 1787, for	1213 11 1½	2599 10 —	58 14 —	5440 2 10½	68 14 —	1 10 —	3 — —	—— — —	9385 2 —
Ditto from 24th June 1787 to 24th June 1788, for	— — —	— — —	— — —	6326 18 6½	63 15 —	5 — —	1156 6 2	3607 15 —	11159 14 8½
Ditto from 24th June 1788 to 24th June 1789, for	— — —	— — —	— — —	6631 15 6½	67 16 —	1 — —	— — —	4014 1 9	10714 13 3½
Ditto from 24th June 1789 to 24th June 1790, for	— — —	— — —	— — —	6033 8 1½	63 15 —	1 — —	— — —	6666 16 2½	12764 19 4
Ditto from 24th June 1790 to 24th June 1791, for	— — —	— — —	— — —	6174 9 10½	63 15 —	3 10 —	— 11 4½	5364 19 2½	11607 5 10½
	1213 11 1½	2599 10 —	58 14 —	30606 14 11½	327 15 —	12 — —	1159 17 6½	19653 12 6½	55631 15 2½
Deduct Cash paid Lying-in Hospital for their Proportion of Tax on private Chairs from 24th June 1786 to 21st May 1787	335 6 3	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	335 6 3
	878 4 10½	2599 10 —	58 14 —	30606 14 11½	327 15 —	12 — —	1159 17 6½	19653 12 6½	55296 8 11½
Average				6121 6 11 8/10	65 11 —	2 8 —	231 19 6 1/10	3930 12 6 1/10	11059 5 9 8/10

Errors excepted,

Eugene Sweeny, Treasurer.

No. VIII.

A Report of the Parishes not returned to Parliament as found on the Inspection.

																Children found not in the Lists	
		Healthy.	Unhealthy.	Said to be dead.	Whose Nurses were said to be removed.	Whose Nurses were not found.	Said to be drafted.	In Townlands not in the Parish.	Denied to be taken out by the Nurses.	Said to be with strolling Beggars or Tinkers.	Nurses said to be dead, and Children not accounted for.	Nurses not at home.	Family in a Fever.	Children said to be taken from their Nurses by their Parents, or at the Hospital.	Total.	Healthy.	Unhealthy.
1. Rathdrum	212	123	13	36	14	25	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	212	9	1
2. Kilcomon	325	121	17	108	27	44	—	2	—	—	—	3	—	3	325	45	—
3. Castle M[c]Adam	146	65	17	31	12	15	—	—	4	—	—	2	—	—	146	21	—
4. Ballintemple	87	14	—	44	19	8	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	87	3	1
5. Kilpipe	341	88	4	98	50	70	—	3	15	2	12	—	—	1	341	15	2
6. Coolkenno	209	39	11	78	28	30	5	3	4	4	6	—	1	—	209	108	14
	1320	450	62	395	150	192	5	8	21	7	18	5	3	4	1320	201	18

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No. IX.

A View of the Accounts of the Foundling Hospital from the 24th of June 1791 to the 25th of March 1792.

	From the 24th June 1791 to the 29th September 1791.	From the 29th September 1791 to 25th December 1791.	From the 25th December 1791 to 25th March 1792.	Total.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
To Cash received Tax on Houses	2268 5 9	1454 11 2	1457 16 6	5180 13 5
To Cash received Rents of the Estate	4 12 6	32 5 —	24 12 6	61 10 —
To Cash received Bounty of Parliament	11155 — —	— — —	— — —	11155 — —
To Cash received Stoppage of Wages	— — —	1 5 8	— — —	1 5 8
To Cash received Sales of Goods manufactured	1 1 9	17 19 8	— — —	19 1 5
To Cash received Sales from Nursery Garden	18 15 —	29 18 5½	— — —	48 13 5½
To Cash received Parents obtaining their Children	1 — —	— 10 —	10 — —	2 — —
	13448 15 —	1536 9 11½	1482 19 —	16468 3 11½

	Due 24th June 1791.	From the 24th June to 29th September 1791.	From the 29th September to 25th December 1791.	From the 25th December 1791 to 25th March 1792.	Total.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
By Cash paid Balance due Treasurer	122 7 2½	— — —	— — —	— — —	122 7 2½
By ditto paid for Provisions	2302 11 2½	20 13 —	611 15 4	579 14 3	3514 13 9½
By ditto paid House Expenses	422 13 3½	255 3 —½	324 2 3	142 19 3½	1144 17 10½
By ditto paid Clothing	507 7 7½	59 4 1	330 12 10½	125 5 3	1022 9 10
By ditto paid Salaries and Wages	231 11 8	2 11 7	254 8 2	249 13 3½	738 4 8½
By ditto paid Repairs	233 11 7½	— 10 5	10 19 5	27 1 2½	272 2 8
By ditto paid Manufactures	275 6 3½	— — —	203 14 3½	6 9 —	485 9 7
By ditto paid Nursery Garden	13 — 5½	9 4 —	16 16 2	7 10 —	46 10 7½
By ditto paid Loan	2000 — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	2000 — —
By ditto paid Interest on Loan	— — —	39 15 6	— — —	— — —	39 15 6
By ditto paid Gratuities	— — —	28 8 9	72 1 9	— 5 5	100 15 11
By ditto paid for nursing Children	— — —	6415 1 4	239 7 10	211 6 3	6865 15 5
	6108 9 4½	6830 11 8½	2063 18 1	1350 3 11½	16353 3 1½
By Balance in Hands of Treasurer 25th March 1792					115 — 10
					16468 3 11½

April 6th, 1792.

Errors excepted,
Eugene Sweeny, Treasurer.

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No. X.

An Account of Children ſent from the City of Limerick to the Foundling Hoſpital of the City of Dublin from the 8th of April 1791 to the 29th of March 1792.

Date.	Brought up.	Died in the Nurſery.	Sent to Nurſe.
1791. Aug. 15th -	4	2	2
Nov. 1ſt -	7	6	1
1792. Feb. 19th -	4	4	—
March -	4	4	—
	19	16	3

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REPORTED BY THE RIGHT HON.

Sir JOHN BLAQUIERE, Bart. K.B.

Wednesday, April 18, 1792.